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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$702.
  - \$432 for 24 total claims over 20. — *not applicable — 20 claims total*
  - \$270 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1542.**

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Abdul Q. Khan and George K. Wai

Serial No.: 09/915,750

Examiner: not assigned

Filed: 07/26/2001

Docket No.: 56371

Title: PROCESS FOR DIGESTING WOODCHIPS AND DIGESTER ADDITIVES

**RESPONSE TO MISSING PARTS NOTICE**

BOX MISSING PARTS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to a "Missing Parts Notice" mailed on September 4, 2001.

The Missing Parts Notice stated that the statutory basic filing fee (\$710.00) and the Declaration were missing. A multiple dependent claim fee in the amount of \$270.00 is due as well as a surcharge of \$ 130.00 is also due making the total due \$1110.00. The Notice states that a fee is due for additional claims over 20; however, since there are only 20 claims (total), this fee is not included. The Declaration of the inventors is enclosed. Please charge deposit account # 01-2530 in the amount of \$1110.00 to cover the cost of the fees. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge, without specific authorization, any additional fees which may be required in connection with the filing of this "Missing Parts Notice" to deposit account # 01-2530. A duplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

A copy of the "Missing Parts Notice" is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Response to Missing Parts Notice is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on November 5, 2001 with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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